

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant: | Gates, <i>et al.</i> | Attorney Docket No. P51355 |
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| For: | HEPATITIS C VIRUS SUB-GENOMIC REPLICONS | |

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this amendment and response submitted in reply to the Restriction Requirement dated 11 May 2007. A one-month (30 day) period was set for response. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time and authorize the charge of requisite fees to Deposit Account No 19-2570. Accordingly, this amendment and response is timely filed on or before 13 August 2007, 11 August 2007 being a Saturday. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this response or as otherwise required for this application during its pendency to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.